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EOPSS/OGR Funding Opportunities

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

FFY 2011 Traffic Enforcement Grant Program

Application Deadline: Open, rolling-enrollment through July 29, 2011

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Highway Safety Division, announces the continued availability of approximately \$650,000 in federal grant funding in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011 for municipal, college and university law enforcement agencies with Chapter 90 arrest powers to participate in the two remaining high visibility traffic enforcement mobilizations in May – June and August – September. The grant application and related paperwork are posted on our website, www.mass.gov/highwaysafety under the “FFY 2011 Traffic Enforcement Grant Program” link.

FFY 2011 District Attorneys Underage Drinking Prevention Conferences Grant Program

Application Deadline: April 25, 2011

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Highway Safety Division (EOPSS/HSD) is pleased to announce the availability of up to \$20,000 in federal grant funding for two to three District Attorneys offices to host underage drinking prevention conferences. Grant awards will be limited to \$10,000 per applicant. Applications are due on April 25th. The application is available at www.mass.gov/highwaysafety under "FFY 2011 District Attorneys Underage Drinking Prevention Conferences Grant Program." For more information, contact Dan DeMille at Daniel.demille@state.ma.us.

John R. Justice (JRJ) Grant Program

The John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act was enacted by Congress to encourage qualified attorneys to choose careers as prosecutors and public defenders and to continue in that service. The John R. Justice (JRJ) Grant Program provides loan repayment assistance for local, state, and federal public defenders and local and state prosecutors who commit to continued employment as public defenders and prosecutors for at least three years after being awarded loan repayment assistance. Please visit the EOPSS website (<http://mass.gov/eops>) in early May, when an update will be available.

Other Funding Opportunities

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender Management Training and Technical Assistance

Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking

Application Deadline: April 28, 2011

The goals of this solicitation are: (1) to provide judicial education on sex offender management with a focus on sentencing, re-entry, and post-release monitoring. Training curriculum should focus on how to enhance sentencing through promoting multidisciplinary sentencing practices and educating judges on supervision conditions known to address risk of recidivism, and (2) to provide targeted technical assistance to jurisdictions on a multidisciplinary approach to sex offender management with special emphasis on court/probation/parole collaboration. This technical assistance will focus on the individual needs of the jurisdiction and should be targeted to jurisdictions that had judicial participation in the training mentioned above. Applicants should leverage resources by using an existing judicial training curriculum to maximize the number of jurisdictions receiving training and technical assistance.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/smart/funding/SMARTFY11CASOMTTA.pdf>

Child Protection Research Program

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Application Deadline: May 10, 2011

This program seeks to expand the understanding of how technology is used to commit crimes against young victims. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention will support research on technology-facilitated crimes against children to inform policy and to support the development of effective responses to children at risk for exploitation.

For more information: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2011/CPRResearch.pdf>

Deaths in Custody Reporting Program, 2012-2015

Bureau of Justice Statistics

Application Deadline: May 12, 2011

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) seeks an agent to collect and analyze data for the Deaths in Custody Reporting Program (DCRP) for the four-year period from October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2015 (fiscal years 2012-2015). Broadly, the agent's responsibilities include managing all data collection activities efficiently and cost effectively, updating the national database of the DCRP to ensure accurate and timely data, and assisting BJS in enhancing and expanding the DCRP.

For more information: http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/dcrp15_sol.pdf

Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking

Bureau of Justice Assistance and Office for Victims of Crime

Application Deadline: May 12, 2011

This program will fund Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force sites that take a comprehensive approach to combating all forms of trafficking – sex trafficking and labor trafficking of foreign nationals and U.S. citizens. Cooperative agreements of up to \$500,000 are expected to be awarded. Awards will be made by the Bureau of Justice Assistance to support law enforcement agencies to coordinate the goals, objectives, and activities of the entire task force in close collaboration with the local U.S. Attorney's Office and victim service provider partner. Awards will be made by the Office for Victims of Crime to support a victim service organization in coordinating the provision of a comprehensive array of culturally and linguistically appropriate services to all trafficking victims identified within the geographic area impacted by the task force.

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/11BJAOVC_HumanTraffickingSol.pdf

Law Enforcement Strategies for Protecting Children from Commercial Sexual Exploitation

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Application Deadline: May 12, 2011

This program will support select law enforcement agencies in the development of strategies to protect children from commercial sexual exploitation, specifically youth younger than 18 years old, by improving training, developing policies to identify commercial sexual exploitation victims, prosecuting cases against adults who sexually exploit children for commercial purposes, and adopting best practices to intervene and compassionately serve victims, including providing essential services in cases where technology is used to facilitate the exploitation of the victim.

For more information:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=zyGnNQjCGZjdc1yRqgc8YXTdgrq1vQ3O4yGCN0h8bZJphJ3rySLF!-954239340?oppId=78474&mode=VIEW>

Postconviction DNA Testing Assistance Program

National Institute of Justice

Application Deadline: May 16, 2011

With this solicitation, the National Institute of Justice seeks proposals from states wishing to receive funding to help defray the costs associated with postconviction DNA testing in cases that involve violent felony offenses in which actual innocence might be demonstrated. Funds may be used to review such postconviction cases and to locate and analyze biological evidence associated with these cases.

For more information: <http://ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/si000953.pdf>

Community-Based Violence Prevention Demonstration Program

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Application Deadline: May 23, 2011

A growing number of communities have adopted multi-strategy, multi-disciplinary approaches to reduce the violence that has adversely affected youth, families, and neighborhoods across America. This program provides funding for localities to support federal, state, and local partnerships in replicating proven multi-disciplinary, community-based strategies to reduce violence.

For more information: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2011/Community-BasedViolence.pdf>

Research and Publications

Workplace Violence, 1993-2009

Bureau of Justice Statistics

March 29, 2011

Presents information on violence in the workplace against employed persons based on the Bureau of Justice Statistics' National Crime Victimization Survey and the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries. This report includes both nonfatal and fatal forms of violence.

Comparisons are made with violence against unemployed persons and violence against employed persons outside of the workplace. Information on type of workplace violence is included. Also discussed is violence by occupation as well as information on victim and crime characteristics such as gender and race distribution, offender weapon use, police notification, and victim injury.

For full text: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/index.cfm?ty=pbdetail&iid=2377>

State of the Science of Pretrial Risk Assessment

Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Pretrial Justice Institute

March 2011

In June 2010, the Pretrial Justice Institute and the Bureau of Justice Assistance convened a meeting of researchers and practitioners to discuss the current state of the science and practice of pretrial justice. This document summarizes the key points that came out of that discussion and what leaders in the field identified as significant next steps in advancing the administration of pretrial justice, ensuring efficient and effective release and detention decisions for pretrial defendants, managing defendant risk through appropriate and specific conditions of release, and balancing the rights of defendants with community safety.

For full text: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/PJI_PretrialRiskAssessment.pdf

Highlights From Pathways to Desistance: A Longitudinal Study of Serious Adolescent Offenders

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

March 2011

This fact sheet presents an overview of some major findings from the Pathways to Desistance Study, a project that followed 1,354 serious adolescent offenders for seven years following their convictions. The primary findings of the study to date deal with the decrease in self-reported offending over time by most serious adolescent offenders, the relative inefficacy of longer juvenile incarcerations in decreasing recidivism, the effectiveness of community-based supervision as a component of aftercare for incarcerated youth, and the effectiveness of substance abuse treatment in reducing both substance use and offending by serious adolescent offenders.

For full text: <http://ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/230971.pdf>

2008 Report to Congress: Title V Incentive Grants for Local Delinquency Prevention Programs

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

March 2011

Reports on the four delinquency prevention programs that were funded under Title V—the Community Prevention Grants program, the Tribal Youth Program, the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) program, and the Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) program. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) administers the Community Prevention Grants, Tribal Youth, and EUDL programs. The Bureau of Justice Assistance administers the G.R.E.A.T. program. This report summarizes the accomplishments that OJJDP and its state and local partners achieved through the combined Title V prevention program efforts during fiscal year 2008. It

also presents the results and analyses of the performance measurement data for the three Title V programs that OJJDP administers.

For full text: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/231131.pdf>

Guide for Implementing or Enhancing an Endangered Missing Advisory

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

March 2011

This guide describes how a community can establish a task force to create an endangered missing advisory (EMA) plan, which creates voluntary partnerships to rapidly recover missing persons who do not fit the AMBER Alert criteria but who may be in danger. EMAs help law enforcement notify the general public that someone is missing, which will ultimately help to save lives. The guide provides directions for developing, activating, and sustaining an EMA plan and includes sample plans and press releases.

For full text: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/232001.pdf>

Conferences and Trainings

Massachusetts Motorcycle Safety Conference

Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and the Registry of Motor Vehicles

April 23, 2011, Devens, Massachusetts

The Highway Safety Division of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and the Registry of Motor Vehicles will be hosting a Motorcycle Safety Conference at the Devens Common Center on Saturday, April 23, 2011 from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. We are inviting all motorcycle riders to this safety conference. Topics will include motorcycle data, licensing information, Massachusetts Motorcycle Association, Massachusetts Motorcycle Survivors Fund, motorcycle laws, and insurance information. Space is limited, so please confirm your attendance early with Barbara Rizzuti, Program Coordinator for the Highway Safety Division. Please send your name and contact information to Barbara.Rizzuti@state.ma.us. Confirmation and details will follow.

Statewide Traffic Safety Forum

Executive Office of Public Safety and Security

May 6, 2011, Boston, Massachusetts

The Highway Safety Division of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security is hosting a half-day forum in Boston to bring together local, state and national law enforcement partners to discuss a variety of topics including high-visibility enforcement efforts in a secondary enforcement state, the upcoming May Click It or Ticket (CIOT) Mobilization, Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) and Community Safety Belt Initiatives. Those interested in attending the forum or obtaining more information are encouraged to contact Brittany Peters, Program Coordinator, via email at brittany.peters@state.ma.us. The no-cost forum is limited to one hundred attendees and the registration period will close on Wednesday, April 27, 2011.

State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training Program: Train-the-Trainer Workshop

Executive Office of Public Safety and Security; New England State Police Information Network; and the United States Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts

June 28, 2011 to June 29, 2011, Franklin, Massachusetts

Law enforcement trainers or terrorism investigators who also serve as terrorism instructors should attend this training. Instruction will be provided by experienced law enforcement practitioners and other

subject-matter experts on domestic and international terrorism, special interest and single-issue terrorism, terrorism indicators, law enforcement intelligence, and officer safety issues.

For more information: <http://www.iir.com/registration/SLATT>

Next Generation Leadership Summit for Public Safety Professionals

Fitchburg Police Department and Fitchburg State University

July 31, 2011 to August 5, 2011, Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Fitchburg State University, Center for Professional Studies; Crocker Center for Civic Engagement, Criminal Justice Program; and the Fitchburg Police Department are collaborating to present a leadership summit for public safety, not-for-profits, and business and education professionals.

Participants can earn university credits or PDPs.

For more information: www.fitchburgstate.edu/cps/publicsafetysummit.cfm

13th Annual National Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) Leadership Conference (NLC)

Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center

August 10 to August 12, 2011, Orlando, Florida

The conference includes plenary sessions along with presentations by law enforcement, judicial members, youth, researchers and community leaders. The 2011 NLC theme is “Spotlighting Community Solutions for Underage Drinking,” and there will be discussion of the new tools, research, and technology being developed and currently utilized as resources in the efforts to enforce underage drinking laws nationwide. The NLC will include: pre-conference activities for EUDL Coordinators and invited guests; Experiential Learning Exercises; Youth Track and Presentation; and Law Enforcement, Leadership Institute, and Success Story Awards.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.dgimeetings.com/Registration.aspx>

National Electronic Seminars: Logic Models and Workplan Development

Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center

April 21, 2011, Electronic Seminar

Logic Models are tools that are increasingly used by coalitions and organizations and recommended by funders in the prevention field. A program logic model is defined as a picture of how your coalition does its work, including the theory, assumptions, and research that underlie its choice of activities. The speaker, Dr. Bob Saltz, will present a comprehensive logic model of underage drinking that is supported by extensive research into both the underlying cause of underage drinking and the science-based strategies to respond to those variables.

For more information: <http://www.udetc.org/audioconfregistration.asp>

News

The following are excerpts from newspaper articles regarding public safety topics.

Justices Allow Inmates To Sue for DNA Testing

The New York Times, March 7, 2011

The Supreme Court on Monday made it easier for inmates to sue for access to DNA evidence that could prove their innocence. The legal issue in the case was tightly focused and quite preliminary: Was Hank Skinner, a death row inmate in Texas, entitled to sue a prosecutor there under a federal civil rights law for refusing to allow testing of DNA evidence? By a 6-to-3 vote, the court said yes, rejecting a line of lower-court decisions that had said the only proper procedural route for such challenges was a petition for habeas corpus.

For more information: <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/08/us/08scotus.html>

No Crime, but an Arrest and Two Strip-Searches

The New York Times, March 8, 2011

The Supreme Court is likely to decide this month whether to hear Albert Florence's case against officials in New Jersey over two strip searches. Mr. Florence was held for eight days on a charge of civil contempt for failing to pay a fine, although he had with him at the time of the arrest a 2003 document proving it had been paid. The federal courts of appeal are divided over whether blanket policies requiring jailhouse strip-searches of people arrested for minor offenses violate the Fourth Amendment. Eight courts have ruled that such searches are proper only if there is a reasonable suspicion that the arrested person has weapons or contraband. The more recent trend, from appeals courts in Atlanta, San Francisco, and Philadelphia, is to allow searches no matter how minor the charge, such as violating a leash law, driving without a license, and failing to pay child support. Although the judges in the majority in Mr. Florence's case said they had been presented with no evidence that the searches were needed, they nonetheless ruled that they would not second-guess corrections officials who said they feared that people like Mr. Florence would smuggle contraband into their jails.

For more information:

<http://query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html?res=9400E1D6113FF93BA35750C0A9679D8B63&ref=adamliptak>

Biden to Discuss New Guidelines About Campus Sex Crimes

The New York Times, April 4, 2011

Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr. is urging the nation's schools and colleges to do more to prevent sexual violence, saying campus sex crimes often go unreported because victims fear that universities will not discipline offenders, reports *The New York Times*. "Today we are strengthening our response to sexual assault in schools and on college campuses," Mr. Biden said in a statement. "Students across the country deserve the safest possible environment in which to learn. That's why we're taking new steps to help our nation's schools, universities and colleges end the cycle of sexual violence on campus."

For more information: http://www.nytimes.com/2011/04/04/education/04violence.html?_r=1&hpbw

Suits paint picture of group home violence

The Boston Herald, April 6, 2011

Boston area group homes housing drug addicts and the mentally ill have been lightning rods for court actions involving residents accused of violent eruptions that have resulted in a broken jaw for one staffer, a slashing, a torched home, and caretakers being terrorized, reports the *Boston Herald*. After the January slaying of a young social worker, the *Herald* reviewed dozens of lawsuits involving several state-contracted group home providers and found several involving violent Department of Mental Health clients. The findings raise safety concerns for staffers, residents and neighbors of these homes, which are often tucked into residential neighborhoods.

For more information:

http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/2011_0406suits_paint_picture_of_group_home_violence/srvc=home&position=0

Announcements

National EUDL Leadership Conference: Law Enforcement Award Submissions now accepted

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center annually recognize a law enforcement officer and law enforcement agency whose commitment to reducing underage drinking at the local community or state level has resulted in notable accomplishments, including measurable reductions in alcohol availability to youth; innovative implemented programs; and recognition by peer agencies, the local community and/or media coverage.

For more information: <http://www.udetc.org/documents/NLC2011/OfficerAward.docx> and <http://www.udetc.org/documents/NLC2011/AgencyAward.docx>

Boston City Council Hearing on Sexual Assault Prevention/Reporting on College Campuses

The National Institute of Justice has found that victims of sexual assault are often reluctant to report due to many factors, including fear of not being believed, of being judged for their actions, and fear that the incident will not be considered serious by officials, resulting in fewer than five percent of completed and attempted rapes on college campuses being reported to law enforcement officials. The *Boston Globe*, in a February 27 story, highlighted that students accused and deemed responsible for sexual assaults on college campuses may face little or no consequences for their acts within the campus. In light of these issues, the Boston City Council is holding a hearing on April 26, 2011 to investigate the city of Boston colleges' and universities' response to reports of sexual violence within their educational communities as well as the support they provide to sexual violence victims to ensure that college victims of sexual violence have immediate access to evidence and support services and that individuals found responsible for perpetrating sexual violence are properly sanctioned.

For more information:

<http://xa.yimg.com/kq/groups/8598850/1434228809/name/Order%20for%20a%20Hearing%20Regarding%20Sexual%20Assault%20Prevention%20an>

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

In 2009, President Barack Obama made history by becoming the first president to designate April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Through this act, the administration has called upon communities across the country to pay closer attention to this crime and to get involved in finding solutions.

These crimes have devastating consequences on the individual victims, their families, and entire communities. This is why we must push ourselves to engage in these difficult conversations. We must work harder to debunk the myths and misconceptions that condone and even promote victim blaming and allow perpetrators to act with impunity. Rape is never invited because of what a victim was wearing or how much she had to drink. For this month, let us commit ourselves to getting involved.

For the full post from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW): <http://blogs.usdoj.gov/blog/archives/1266>

For additional information about sexual assault and resources, please visit OVW's website at www.ovw.usdoj.gov

Alcohol Policy Information System has updated its state-by-state alcohol policies

The Alcohol Policy Information System (APIS), a project funded by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, has updated its state-by-state alcohol policies. Many of these changes are consistent with the goal of reducing underage drinking. The update reports developments in 29 current APIS policy topics, for the period January 2, 2009 through January 1, 2010. There were 34 policy changes across the APIS topics during this period.

For more information: <http://www.alcoholpolicy.niaaa.nih.gov>

Updated Reentry Program Area

The Reentry Program Area of the Bureau of Justice Assistance Center for Program Evaluation and Performance Measurement has been updated. Some of the new additions include recent evaluation information, a reentry program logic model, and new publications.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/program-corrections/reentry-index.htm>.

Iowa's efforts result in the development of a statewide Law Enforcement/Retailer Training tool

Iowa's Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) funding is allocated to their eight judicial districts based on child population. In 2010, the Iowa EUDL coordinator received information about an effective statewide Alcohol Policy Builder Tool called WorkAlert being used by the state of Maine. After reviewing Maine's WorkAlert tool, Iowa was impressed by the tool and the potential reach for Iowa. The EUDL task force thought that this innovative tool could support and promote responsible alcohol sales in Iowa. Using Maine's tool as a model, Iowa developed the Iowa's Alcohol Law Enforcement/Retailer Training (I-ALERT) tool designed to support retailers in reducing youth alcohol consumption. This success story supports the effectiveness of collaboration across agencies.

For more information: <http://www.udetc.org/documents/ResourceAlerts/ResourceAlert0411.pdf>

Lawrence, Kansas develops a collaborative coalition of law enforcement and community business owners to combat the challenge of Fake Identifications

Kansas, like many states, has experienced challenges with underage youth using fake or fraudulent forms of identification to purchase alcohol. Kansas has six major universities, increasing the enforcement challenge of addressing the use of false identification (ID) by minors. With the emphasis on the need to address the fake ID problem in their communities, a coalition of law enforcement and community business owners was developed in the City of Lawrence. The new coalition developed a campaign called "Fake ID 101". This success story shares the components of the campaign and indicates the positive results of collaborative partnerships.

For more information: <http://www.udetc.org/documents/ResourceAlerts/ResourceAlert0411.pdf>

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